

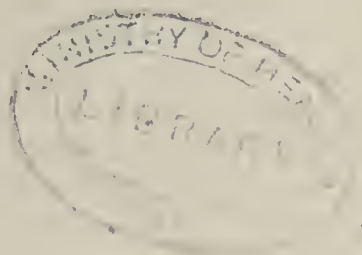
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BOROUGH OF LYDD (KENT)

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Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1955.

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 2,690, which was an increase by 90 over that of 1954.

The number of births was 61, compared with 42 in the preceding year, which was an increase by 19 births; the relative birth-rate was 22.68, compared with 15 for England and Wales.

The number of still-births was 2, giving a rate of 16.39 per 1,000 total live and still births, compared with 23.1 for England and Wales. The figures involved are however too small for significant statistical comparisons.

It is again very gratifying that there was no death amongst infants under one year of age, and that there was no death amongst mothers due to pregnancy or childbirth or abortion. These nil figures reflect the value of the Health Services in the Borough which are executed by the Practitioners, the Midwife and Health Visitor. The Child Welfare Clinic, which is well attended, provides valuable services on behalf of infants and toddlers, not only in the prevention of infant deaths but also in the ascertainment of health defects which would retard normal growth. The majority of children who attend are also immunised against Diphtheria and vaccinated against Smallpox and few parents refuse these proved preventive measures.

Amongst the total population of 2,690 Residents there were only 17 deaths, and the corresponding crude death-rate was 6.32, which, when adjusted by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor, i.e. 1.01, for comparison with the death rates of other Districts, becomes 6.38. This low death rate compares very favourably with that for England and Wales which was 11.7 per 1,000 population.

Of those 17 deaths, 11 were due to Heart, Vascular or Circulatory Diseases, mostly amongst the aged. Cancer caused only one death and that was of the lung. There were two deaths from Peptic Ulcer in males, one from Nephritis in a female.

There were no deaths due to the Infectious Diseases and none from any exceptional cause.

Regarding Infectious Disease, there was no epidemic during the year. Only 4 cases of Whooping Cough and 8 of Measles were notified. There were 2 cases of Meningococcal Infection, formerly known as Cerebro-spinal Fever, who were successfully treated. Also there were 6 cases of Acute Primary Pneumonia notified all of whom responded successfully to treatment.

There was one isolated case of Food Poisoning, caused by the *Salmonella typhi-murium*, which is the commonest organism in this area to be incriminated.

Regarding Tuberculosis, only one case of Respiratory, and one of Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis were notified and there were no deaths. The Mass Radiography Unit visited the Borough in June and 500 male and female volunteers were examined. It is very gratifying that no case of Active Tuberculosis was discovered, which indicates that there is no reservoir of infection in the Borough. (See table). Within recent years, great progress has been made in the treatment of this disease, and it is not now the dreadful scourge that it was in olden times.

These statistics of the health of the population of the Borough may be regarded as being very satisfactory and in conclusion, I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your interest and assistance in the work of my Department and the staff for their efficient and loyal co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. MARSHALL

M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

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SECTION A.

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

FOR 1955

Area:-	11,932 acres
Registrar-General's Estimate of the Resident Population:-	2,690
Number of Inhabited Houses According to the Rate Books:-	1,034
Rateable Value:-	£19,983
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate:-	£80

Social Conditions.

Lydd is a very ancient and historical Borough being mentioned in Saxon Charters from 740 onwards and is a limb of the Cinque Ports. It is predominantly agricultural being chiefly concerned with sheep and cattle raising and arable farming. There are also extensive beach quarrying and crushing plants within the District. Of the Sub-Districts, Dungeness is devoted to the fishing industry and Greatstone, where there is a large holiday camp, and Lydd-on-Sea cater chiefly for holiday-makers. Lydd also contains a large permanent Army Artillery Practice Camp and a proportion of the civilians are employed there. There is almost no unemployment and by and large social conditions are satisfactory.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>		<u>Lydd Borough</u>	<u>Engle and Wale</u>
1. Live Births	61	34	27	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	22.68	15.
(a) Legitimate	56	33	23			
(b) Illegitimate	5	1	4			
2. Stillbirths	1	1	-			
(a) Legitimate	1	1	-	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	16.39	23.
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
3. Deaths	17	10	7	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	6.32	11.
4. Deaths from Pregnancy Childbirth and Abortion.	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births	-	Not available
5. Deaths of Infants Under One Year of Age	-	-	-			
(a) Legitimate	-	-	-			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births					-	24.9
Rate re legitimate infants					-	
Rate re illegitimate infants					-	
6. Deaths from Cancer (all ages)					1	
Deaths from Measles (all ages)					-	
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)					-	
Deaths from Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea					-	

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year 1955.

Whooping Cough	...	...	...	4
Acute Primary or Influenzal Pneumonia	...	...	...	6
Measles	...	...	...	8
Meningococcal Infection	...	...	...	2
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	1

CAUSES OF DEATH IN LYDD BOROUGH
DURING 1955

ALL CAUSES				<u>Males</u> 10	<u>Females</u> 7
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	-	-
8.	Measles	...	...	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	-	-
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	1	-
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	-	-
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	-	-
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	-	-
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	-	-
16.	Diabetes	...	...	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	1	4
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	1	1
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	-	-
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	2	1
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	1	-
22.	Influenza	...	...	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	-	-
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	1	-
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	-	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	2	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	-	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	-	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	-	-
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	-	-
34.	All other accidents	...	...	1	-
35.	Suicide	...	...	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	-	-

Immunisation against Diphtheria, 1955

The following is a return of the number of children under the age of 15 years on 31st December, 1955, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e., at any time since 1st January, 1941).

Year of Birth	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	Total
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) 1951 - 1955.	4	2	29	16	18	41	28	48	45	43	46	32	45	38	6	441
1950 or earlier	15	21	18	15	11	3	2	7	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	99

Immunisation against Diphtheria and Vaccination against Smallpox, 1955.

The following is a return of (A) the number of children resident in the Borough of Lydd who were immunised against Diphtheria and (B) the number of persons who were vaccinated against Smallpox, during the year ended 31st December, 1955.

(A) Diphtheria Immunisation																
Year of Birth	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	Total
Primary Inoculations	6	33	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44
Re-inforcing inoculations	-	-	-	-	-	26	6	2	4	1	-	21	-	-	-	60
(B) Vaccination																
Year of Birth	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	Before 1941
Primary Vaccination	32	17	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
Re-Vaccination	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	8

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality 1955

Age Periods	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>				<u>Total Cases on Register</u>			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	1	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
45	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-				
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Total	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY

1st - 3rd June, 1955.

Number of Volunteers

Male	...	...	...	210
Female	...	...	...	290
Total	...	...	...	500

Number recalled for Large Films

Male	14
Female	15
Total	29

% recalled for large films to number of volunteers	5.8%
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RESULTS

Active Tuberculosis	...	Nil
Inactive Tuberculosis		6

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

This is supplied by the Folkestone and District Water Co., from wells sunk in the shingle and sand of the Denge Marsh and the supply is adequate. 12 samples of this water taken throughout the year were all of satisfactory quality and of bacteriological purity.

A water main was extended from the High Street to Pigwell Farm and from thence by service pipes to serve the Scotney Group of Farms.

97% of the dwelling-houses in the Borough have main water supplies.

Drainage and Sewerage

The sewerage scheme for the drainage of the post-war housing estate continues to operate satisfactorily. Sewage is carried partly by gravitation and partly by pumping to the Sewage Works situated on the outskirts of the Borough.

No important developments were effected during the year.

Public Cleansing

(a) House Refuse

A weekly collection of house refuse is made by the Council's workmen and the refuse is deposited at an authorised tip on the outskirts of the Borough by the Denge Marsh road.

(b) Trade Refuse

Collections are made in the summer from the Airport and from a Holiday Camp, and in the winter from the Military Camp.

(c) Salvage

This is collected at the same time as house refuse, but a separate collection is made from shops.

SECTION D.

Housing

Fourteen new houses were erected during the year.

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| (a) | Number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health and Housing Acts. | 27 |
| (b) | Number of houses found to be in any respect unfit for human habitation | 16 |
| (c) | Number of houses found to be unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable expense | 3 |

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|-----|---|-----|
| (d) | Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied by informal action. | 9 |
| (e) | Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices. | 4 |
| (f) | Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made. | Nil |
| (g) | Number of houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936. | Nil |

Improvements and Conversions

Five applications for grants were made and approved during the year. The total cost of the improvements amounted to £1,232 and the total amount of the grants made was £505. In 4 cases, grants related to the provision of bath-rooms and hot water system, and in the fifth case to the provision of an additional bedroom.

SECTION E.

Inspection and Supervision of Food

(a) Milk Supplies

Number of Milk Producers	Nil
Number of Retail Purveyors	6
Number of Retailers in the Borough who are not Cowkeepers	5
Number of Dealers Licences in Pasteurised Milk	2
Number of Dealers Licences in Tuberculin Tested Milk	1
Number of Registered Distributors	6
Number of Dealers Licences in Sterilised Milk.	1

12 samples of Pasteurised and Tuberculin Tested milks were examined, and the Laboratory reports were satisfactory

(b) Inspection of Meat and other Foods.

Food premises were regularly inspected and a satisfactory state of hygiene was maintained.

During the year 134 lbs. of beef, 7 lbs. of pork and 48 tins of various foods were condemned as being unfit for human consumption.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	-	-	-	21	7
Number inspected	-	-	-	21	7
<u>diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	14%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health
(including inspection made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Reg- ister	Number of		Occupiers Prosecuted
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	6	-	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	11	11	-	-
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	17	17	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found.				Number cases in which Prosecution were Instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1.) ...	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

